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1. SOVIET EFFORTS TO PROJECT IMAGE OF US-USSR TOGETHER-
NESS HAS BEEN LONG-TIME PHENOMENON HERE BUT INTENSITY OF
EFFORT HAS PROBABLY EVEN INCREASED A BIT LATELY. AS
IN PAST, SOVIET DIPLOMATS MAKE POINT OF ENGAGING IN PRO-
LONGED CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICANS AT SOCIAL EVENTS AND
CALLING ON US COUNTERPARTS AT SLIGHTEST EXCUSE. IN
CONNECTION WITH JULY 4, US DIPLOMATS RECEIVED SHOWER OF
CARDS, OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY TOKEN GIFTS, FROM SOVIET
COLLEAGUES INCLUDING SEVERAL NOT INVITED TO OUR JULY 4
RECEPTION. THIS WAS NEW.

2. SOVIET EFFORT IS PROBABLY AT ITS HEIGHT IN ROMANIA
WHERE GOR SENSIBILITIES ABOUT "GREAT POWER COLLUSION"
ARE WELL KNOWN. WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT WISE TO TURN
ASIDE SOVIET PROFFER OF FRIENDSHIP, HOWEVER, BUT HAVE
TRIED TO KEEP OUR REACTION WITHIN BOUNDS WHILE REMAINING
COURTEOUS AND RELATIVELY FORTHCOMING TO THESE OVERTURES.
FOR LONG TIME, WE HAVE ALSO QUIETLY ADVISED NUMBER OF
KEY ROMANIAN CONTACTS OF SOVIET TACTICS AND OUR INTER-
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PRETATION OF THEIR PURPOSE; WE ARE CONTINUING TO DO SO.

WE BELIEVE RESPONSIBLE ROMANIANS FULLY UNDERSTAND SOVIET
GAME AND APPROVE WAY IN WHICH WE HANDLE IT.
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